Ferry service between Cranganur and Karupadanna

114. Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—With reference to the answer to the question No. 367 of the legislative session of the year.—

(a) ഫ ഫ ൦൯-൦മാണ്ടിലെ കടത്തുകരാർകാരൻ ആരാണെന്നും ലേലസംഖ്യ എത്രയാണെന്നും പറയുമോ?

(b) ആളൊന്നുക്കു നിരക്കു് (rate) എത്രയാണു് നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്;

(c) ചാൽ താഴ്ത്തിയെങ്കിലും വേനൽക്കാലങ്ങളിൽ വെറുമ്പോട്ടകംപോലും ഉറച്ചുപോകുമെന്നു സർക്കാരിന്നു് അറിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

(d) Dredger അയച്ചു ചാൽ താഴ്ത്തുവാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—(a) ഫ ഫ ൦൯-൦മാണ്ടിൽ കടത്തു കരാർ കൊടുപ്പാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

(b) എ യിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ ഉത്തരം കൊണ്ടു് ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിനു് ഉത്തരം ആവശ്യമില്ല.

(c) ഇല്ല.

(d) ഇല്ല.

Action taken against a School Mistress.

115. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that a school mistress Sreemathi M. Karthiayani Amma by name was punished by the department for addressing a public meeting in Trichur ;

(b) if so, what are the charges that were proved against her and what is the nature of the evidence upon which the Government found her guilty ;

(c) whether they will be pleased to place a copy of the order on the Council table?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes. It was not for addressing a public meeting but for taking active part in political meetings.

(b) The charge was that she actively participated in political meetings. The evidences against her were the confidential reports from the Commissioner of Police and the Head Mistress of the V. G. High School, Trichur; also the teacher's own admission.

(c) The order, being confidential, cannot be placed on the table.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to say what is the nature of the active part she took in politics?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—She made a speech at a public meeting on a platform.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May we know the subjects she dealt with?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It was a political meeting in connection with the arrest of Pandit Jehwaralal Nehru, and I have a reliable report from a Government Department whose duty it is to report the speeches made at these meetings.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the subjects upon which she spoke?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government has the report; and Government has to take action upon that report.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what were the subjects upon which she spoke?

President.—You were unwell, Mr. Matthai. Don't exert too much.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Mathai.—Minimum exertion.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If this is the minimum, what would be the maximum? (*Laughter*).

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I shall also see that I put only the minimum number of questions. I do not want to put the Hon'ble Member into great exertion.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—This is the report, Sir. 'A meeting was held in Thekkumkad Maidan on 4th Medam 1105 in connection with the arrest of Pandit Jehwaralal Nehru, the President of the Indian National Congress. Mr. P. T. Rama Ayyar presided. Miss Mukkapuzha Karthyayani Amma, B. A., was the only speaker who addressed the meeting in English. She congratulated the President of the Indian National Congress on his arrest in the cause of gaining freedom in India. She said that the arrest of the national leader will only hasten the realisation of independence in India. We think the arrest of the Pandit is a great insult to India. This action of the bureaucracy will only strengthen the movement for independence', so on and so on.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it a shorthand report or a summary?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot say. I had the report from the Department concerned.

116. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether—

(a) one Karthiayani Amma of the Trichur Girls' High School was given any departmental punishment recently;

(b) if so, what was the punishment and the reasons for same;

(c) was any explanation taken from her; if so what was her explanation?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

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(b) She was debarred from promotion for one year and her selection for L. T. training this year was cancelled. Because she actively participated in political meetings.

(c) Yes. She admitted in her explanation that she took active part in political meetings.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there other Government servants also who attended the same meeting?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not aware of it. I may tell the Hon'ble Member that she was the only speaker in English.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether there were other Government servants who attended the same meeting? That was my question.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not aware of that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this report communicated to her before asking for an explanation?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Oh yes. She said she was wrong in taking part in politics and the resignation came one month hence.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was her explanation?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—She said she was wrong and indiscreet in taking part in a political meeting and asked to be forgiven and apologised.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is that apology here?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—'I regret very much that I took part in a political gathering. I will do nothing of the kind in future. I pray that I may be pardoned'.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any resolution passed by the teachers of the Girls' High School, Ernakulam?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not aware of any.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Not regarding this,...

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not aware of this.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Let me complete my question. Regarding the use of Khaddar, was any resolution passed by the teachers of the Girls' High School, Ernakulam?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There is no resolution passed. As for Khaddar we are encouraging it in all schools.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Any resolution passed at the Girls' High School, Ernakulam?

President.—Has that question anything to do with this question?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any resolution passed at the Girls' High School, Ernakulam, regarding this affair, the dismissal of Miss Karthiayani Amma?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There was no dismissal Sir.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Regarding the punishment given to her, was any resolution passed by the teachers of the Girls' High School, Ernakulam ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not aware, Sir.

117. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether spinning is allowed to be taught in the schools of the State;

(b) whether Miss Karthiayani Amma, lately of the Cochin Government Service, was given any sort of punishment in recent months;

(c) what were the specific reasons for such punishments;

(d) whether she has tendered her resignation recently;

(e) whether the resignation letter will be placed on the Council table?

Rao Sahib Mr.C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Because she took active part in political meetings.

(d) Yes.

(e) A copy of the letter is placed on the Council table.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government got a report of the speech made by her ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I have read what I have got.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It that a shorthand report of the speech of the lady concerned ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That is all we have got.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Who reported the matter to the Commissioner of Police ?

President.—The person authorised by the Commissioner of Police. He has issued orders to men under him to report about these speeches, and they have reported. There is no necessity to disclose the name.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—So it was not a shorthand report of the speech.

President.—That question has been answered already.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In the letter of resignation placed on the table I find that she advised people to wear only Khaddar which was dignified in its purity and sanctity.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is only a partial truth and not an entire truth.

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